

Comparatives I - Short Adjectives

Learn!

A: It's my grandpa's birthday party. He's 89! B: My grandpa is **older than** yours. He's 93!
The red shoes are **cheaper than** the black ones.
You have a new car. It's **bigger than** the old one. Congratulations!
Let me help you. I'll carry your suitcase. It's **heavier than** mine.
You arrived **later than** last night! Where were you?

Work it out!

1 Circle the use of comparatives.

To describe actions To contrast two things To refer to frequency of activities

2 Match the columns.

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| a. Add <i>-er</i> to short adjectives. | _____ nice – nicer |
| b. Double the last consonant when the words ends in a vowel + a consonant. | _____ strong – stronger |
| c. Adjectives ending in <i>-y</i> change to <i>-ier</i> . | _____ happy – happier |
| d. If an adjective ends in <i>e</i> just add <i>r</i> . | _____ hot – hotter |

Use!

1 Complete with the adjectives in their comparative form.

- Carol wants a _____ (fast) car.
- Is this your new computer? It's _____ (big) than the other one.
- They're twins but Mary is _____ (nice) than Denise.
- He's not very tall. I think I'm _____ (tall).
- Don't worry, guys. The test is _____ (easy) than you think.

2 Write the comparative form of the following verbs.

young _____
short _____
new _____
big _____
old _____

3 Look at the profiles and write comparisons using the words from Exercise 2

young short new big old

Tom Age: 17 Height: 1.75	Car: 2010 House: 3 bedrooms, yard
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Julia Age: 19 Height: 1.68	Car: 2013 House: 2 bedrooms
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Comparative form of short adjectives

We use the comparative form of adjectives to compare two things. Short adjectives are formed by adding *-r* or *-er* to the adjective, and the word *than*.

Some comparative adjectives are irregular.

good – better

bad – worse

far – further or farther.

To make the comparative form of adjectives that end in *y*, we change the *y* to *i* and add *-er*: *pretty – prettier*.

To make the comparative form of adjectives that end in consonant-vowel-consonant, we double the last consonant: *fat – fatter*.

Task 1: Write the comparative forms of the adjectives below.

1. happy _____

2. hot _____

3. tall _____

4. big _____

5. short _____

Task 2: Use comparative form of each of the adjectives above in a sentence.

1. _____

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2. _____

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3. _____

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4. _____

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5. _____

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Task 3: Share your sentences with a classmate and correct them if necessary.